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fibrous matter are separated, which latter, when well washed and dried, will keep like starch for ages.

This fecula, which indeed is a part most nutritive, is only one fifth of the weight of the potato.

After rasping they are put into a linen bag and well pressed, then divided into small cakes, and exposed in an airy place where they dry soon, and become friable and very proper to be used in soups, &c.

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Resolved, That the late independent proprietor of *The Dublin Evening Post* is deserving of the warmest and sincerest sympathy of every Irish heart; and that the Members of the Board shall proceed forthwith to take such steps as will secure to Mr. Magee full indemnification for the amount of the pecuniary losses incurred by that highly esteemed gentleman, for his unconquerable fidelity to the Catholic cause.

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PARLIAMENTARY REFORM.

Nineteen letters having appeared on this important subject, we commence the insertion of them in our pages. The first letter appears to have been written some time ago, and not to be connected with the present series.

*Letters from Major John Cartwright to the Rev. Christopher Wyvill.*

LETTER II.

*Strike, but hear!*

DEAR SIR,—At this eleventh hour of the day in the labours of the vineyard of Parliamentary Reform, as well as at the equally late hour of the day in our respective lives, that you and I, of all men, should appear on the controversial stage as opponents, is to me, I assure you, matter of serious affliction. But justice to that

cause, which, in my estimation, is the cause of highest earthly importance to our countrymen of every rank and every class, as well as justice to my own reputation, which, in your recent "Address to the Freeholders of Yorkshire," is most obviously, though anonymously, brought in question, leave me no alternative. It being recorded, that the difference of opinion, and the consequent separation of two apostles, so far from advantaging the enemies of Christianity, much advanced the cause of that great moral reformation; let us hope the present difference between two advocates for political reformation, may have a similar effect.

Had I, indeed, been ever so desirous of doubting that your declamation, in a tone of manifest displeasure, furnished an intended portrait of myself in particular, yet so to have doubted was put out of my power; for I had received a letter which forbade me even to affect such a doubt. Among the contents of this letter, I found a very free translation, for my private use, of those parts of your public document to which I allude. This letter was from my worthy, but, in my humble opinion much prejudiced friend, Sir George Caley. Although it appears to have been written at "Brompton, September 25th," it undoubtedly came to me from "Burton Hall," having, according to its superscription under the hand of the Member of Parliament who franked it, been put into the office of your post town, "Bedale," and on "October the 16th," that is, on the very day subsequent to that on which your communication to the *Leeds Mercury* is dated, and probably despatched by the very same post. That this letter, if not carried, had been sent to you open, for approval at least, if not in aid of the composition of the *Address*, is a fact to which you have put your seal; for the wax bore the impression of the well-known Wyvill crest, a signet under which, through